Appointment of Chairman for ITDC

5458. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) is functioning without regular appointment of the Chairman for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the non-appointment of the full time Chairman in the Board of ITDC has adversely affected the performance of the ITDC;

(d) if so, what is the percentage of profit earned by the ITDC has declined; and

(e) the likely time to be taken by Government to appoint a full time Chairman in the Board of ITDC so as to arrest the declining trend in overall performance of ITDC?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Regular appointment to the post of CMD, ITDC is under consideration of Government. Hotel industry is passing through a recessionary phase. This has affected the profitability of ITDC which has shwon a declining trend from positive in 1997-98 to negative in 1999-2000.

Revival of Indian Tourism Industry

5459. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the revival plan of tourism industry at National level to generate more opportunities or revenue aspects;

(b) whether Government has made any assessment on lack of tourism infrastructure facilities viz., hotels, motels, transportation for foreign tourists;

(c) whether financial restructuring forms a part of revival plan and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government will consider and accept the proposals of private sectors keeping in view of the infrastrsucture in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): (a) Ministry of Tourism has set up an Investment Cell